

**MADDOO TO AID EXPRESS TRADE**

Director General Working Out Plans for Relief of Companies

**CONSIDERS U. S. CONTROL**

Questions Submitted to State Commissions as to Government's Course

Washington, March 14.—The Government has determined to give relief to the nation's express companies.

While considering the plea of four big companies to be taken over as were the railroads, the Government is allowing the companies to take certain measures to protect themselves in the interim.

The plan to be taken under the Government wing was made by the United States companies on the grounds of increasing falling off in revenues.

Director General McAdoo as a result, through the National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners, has asked the opinion of State commissions of the country.

First, should the four express companies be taken over by the Government as a war measure.

Second, if the Administration decides this question in the affirmative, should it immediately take over other express companies.

Third, should the Government operate express companies, or have the railroads do the express business.

Fourth, what compensation should be allowed for the use: (a) A standard return equal to that of the railroads for a period of years, the plan adopted for the railroads; (b) A fixed return based upon the value of the property used; or (c) A fixed return based upon the par value of the outstanding stocks and bonds.

Fifth, what economies in operation can be made by this change.

Sixth, what improvements in service can be made by Government operation.

Seventh, if these properties are taken over by the Government should they be returned to private ownership after the war.

**WOMEN'S GARB PREY OF CHESTNUT ST. FIRE**

Spectacular Blaze Damages Building of S. Sacks, Dress Manufacturer

Quick action on the part of firemen averted what might have been a serious fire today, when flames swept through the second floor of the building at 1318 Chestnut street.

The floor is occupied by S. Sacks, manufacturer of women's dress-making and wearing apparel. Hundreds of dresses and valuable rolls of cloth were destroyed, causing damage amounting to several thousand dollars.

A high wind was blowing. Sparks in the early morning haze, was discovered by a pedestrian, who turned in an alarm. By the time the firemen arrived, the flames were burning fiercely.

A high wind was blowing. Sparks were carried to big buildings nearby, and for a time it looked as if the fire would spread. The firemen, however, worked quickly, managed to get several lines of hose in operation a few minutes after they arrived, and soon had the blaze under control.

Although the fight against the spread of the blaze lasted only fifteen minutes, the fire during that time was one of the most spectacular early morning fires in the central section in recent years.

Volume of dense, black smoke rolled from the windows on the second and third floors, and because of the excessive humidity the smoke was held close to the ground, hampering the firemen in their work.

The flames were confined to the Sacks establishment, but much damage was done by water to the stock of Hans Beahrs, shoe dealers, who occupy the first floor.

Valuable silks on the third and fourth floors, occupied by the Palmer Silk Company, were also badly damaged by smoke and water.

The total damage will reach \$10,000.

**GERMAN PLOT TO SEIZE CANADA IS REVEALED**

Hindu Conspiracy Witnesses Also Say Teutons Escape to Berlin Through United States

San Francisco, March 14.—Witnesses in the trial of thirty-one Hindus and other persons, charged with conspiring to overthrow British rule in India, told a German Government plot to wrest Canada from England and the supposed escape of groups of German prisoners of war from Russia to Germany by way of the United States.

One of the defendants, Walter Sauerback, navigating officer of the German submarine Geier, interned at Honolulu, testified concerning the German prisoners of war from their detention camps in Alaska and returned to Germany by way of San Francisco and New York.

Sauerback denied any knowledge of the Geier, supposed to have been kept by Captain Grunwald, commander of the submarine. This diary, which is now said to be in the possession of the United States, is alleged to have revealed information that the Geier's wireless was used to carry messages for the German Government after it was ordered dismantled by Washington.

**PRESIDENT SEEKS NEW CASUALTY LIST PLAN**

Takes Action to Permit Publication of Names With Full Identification

Washington, March 14.—President Wilson today personally took action which is expected ultimately to bring about the publication of casualty lists with the names identified.

The President wrote to Assistant Secretary of War Crowell, asking for all available data in the matter and for the reasons which led to the giving out of only the names.

It is also understood that he has communicated with Secretary of War Baker, in France, asking him to take the matter up with General Pershing in order to arrive at a system which will give the American people the information they desire, but at the same time will not put information of value into the hands of the enemy.

**LECTURE ON OLDEN WINDMILLS**

Next generation of the past as seen by "Windmills—Picturesque and Historic" will be the subject of a lecture by H. H. Shelton at the Franklin

**DESTROYER OUTPUT WILL BE SPEEDED UP**

Great Benefits From Secretary Baker's Trip Abroad, Says Secretary Daniels

Washington, March 14.—Although the warship building program has been carried forward at a speed exceeded by any preparation agencies, even greater speed is in prospect. Secretary of the Navy Daniels today conferred with shipyard officials and Navy Bureau chiefs on means to increase the destroyer output. All records in putting destroyers into the water have been broken by the shipyard of the United States, since the nation entered the war, but it is understood means of obtaining even greater speed are being uncovered.

Secretary Daniels expressed the belief that great benefits would result from Secretary Baker's visit to France. He said he was aware there had been criticism from certain members of Congress as a result of the trip, but that any criticism would soon be dispelled in the realization of the great benefits eventually to be derived. "It was deemed advisable from the first to send Secretary Baker to France," said Secretary Daniels, "and when General Pershing himself urged such action it was evident such a course should be adopted."

**CONSTABLES WARNED BY U. S. AND CITY HEADS**

Forbidden to Hound or Evict Families of Soldiers for Debt

Local and Federal authorities have joined to protect soldiers' families from being hounded by constables when they fall behind in their rent and other household bills. Beginning today any constable who attempts to evict the family of a man in the service of the Government will run up against not only United States officials but the police and District Attorney Rotan's office as well. District Attorney Rotan said today that the threat of Gustav Kopp, Twenty-eighth Ward constable, to evict Mrs. Everett Perry, 2421 North Clarion street, is illegal. He also counseled any woman in a similar plight to notify his office or the nearest police station. If necessary, Mr. Rotan said, arrest of the constable would be resorted to. "If constables of the Kopp stripe bother women whose husbands or sons are in the service," said Mr. Rotan, "they need to do so in the constables that they know their rights under the law. If this does not suffice, she can get in touch with this office and we will be only too glad to help and explain where she stands under the law."

**ATLANTA WOMAN TRIED ON BLACKMAIL CHARGE**

Alleged to Have Attempted to Hold Up Multi-Millionaire Mayor

Atlanta, Ga., March 14.—The trial of Mrs. H. H. Hirsch, charged with attempting to blackmail Atlanta's multimillionaire Mayor, began today before Judge Benjamin H. Hill, in Fulton Superior Court. Among the witnesses were the defendant's attorney, the defense is J. W. Cook, jointly indicted with Mrs. Hirsch, who was convicted and is now under sentence of 1800 days and twelve months' imprisonment, but is at liberty on bail pending his appeal.

The State has about fifty character witnesses present, brought here from Key West, Miami and Jacksonville, Fla., Montgomery, Ala., and points in South Carolina.

It is intimated this morning that the point of defense that the charge of verbal blackmail cannot be sustained because of the allegation that she did not make any demands for money on the principal, Mayor Candler.

Attorneys' arguments are limited to thirty minutes in misdemeanor cases. It is expected an extension will be granted.

Early indications are that the defense will exercise extreme caution in the selection of a jury, exercising the privilege of "voir dire" granted when a charge of venue, asked for on the allegation of prejudice, was denied.

The courtroom was crowded as the trial began.

**CANTATA FOR RED CROSS**

Mt. Airy and Germantown Choral Union Will Entertain Tonight

The Mount Airy and Germantown Choral Union will sing the cantata of "Christ on the Cross" tonight in the Mount Airy Methodist Episcopal Church, Mount Pleasant avenue and Bryan street. The choral will be assisted by E. Marshall White, tenor; J. J. boy soprano; Paul Volkman, tenor; G. Russell Strauss, baritone, and Howard Robinson O'Daniel, director.

The Choral Union is composed of choir members of following Methodist Episcopal churches: Mount Airy, First Church and St. Stephen's, with some members of other denominations.

A silver offering will be taken for the benefit of the Mount Airy Methodist Episcopal branch of the Red Cross.

**\$1100 Returned to Loser**

Bridgeport, N. J., March 14.—The wife of Captain Hann, whose handbag was either lost or stolen last Christmas, has just received part of its contents back by mail from an unidentified source. The envelope was addressed in printed letters. Inclosed were a key and certificate of deposit for \$1100, which she had made a considerable amount.

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The likeness of a little American girl, whose identity is not revealed, will appear on a half million posters throughout the third Liberty Loan campaign. The poster, reproduced above, is considered one of the best of the child variety produced in any of the governmental publicity campaigns since the war started.

**U. S. IS CITY'S BIGGEST CUSTOMER IN PURCHASE OF FILTERED WATER**

Government Plants Make Heavy Draw on Daily Supply of 356,000,000 Gallons—Chief Davis Warns Against Waste

PHILADELPHIA'S greatest single customer is Uncle Sam. He pays the city top prices for pure water, the one commodity that the municipal government has to sell. The water bureau is now furnishing several million gallons of water daily to government stations and plants, and millions more to other works closely allied with Government work.

One of the largest of these customers is the American International Shipbuilding Corporation's undertaking at Island. When this work was first started, a plant to filter Delaware River water from a local intake was constructed. More recently, however, the shipbuilding plant has been connected with the city and an average of 150,000 gallons a day is being supplied from the Belmont pumping station. Because of the heavy drain on the Torresdale station it would be impossible to furnish the plant with water from the main filtration and pumping stations.

The League Island Navy Yard in recent months has become a wholesale user of city filtered water. The wells and pumping plant of the Government reservation being used now merely as auxiliary aids in furnishing the hundreds of thousands of gallons consumed daily. City lines now run direct to the yard and connect with the big central city mains.

Other big Government undertakings using great quantities of water daily include the storage station, etc., at the foot of McKean street; the building operations along Oregon avenue, the Federal Building, the Mint, the numerous Government and war armament offices, the Naval Home and the Frankford Arsenal.

**GRAND DUKE MICHAEL IS SENT INTO EXILE**

Vandals Raiding Government Offices, Sailors Carrying Off Art Treasures

Petrograd, March 13.—The Grand Duke Michael, arrested in connection with an alleged German-inspired plot to restore the monarchy and place in the throne, has been exiled and sent to Perm. It was announced today.

(Perm is the capital of the province of that name. It is about 700 miles east of Moscow, near the Siberian border.)

Vandals are raiding Government offices, stealing valuable furniture and paintings, and carting them home or selling them on the street corners for a few rubles. Sailors are carrying off wagon loads of art treasures, loading them on ships and taking them to Kronstadt.

The Government is so occupied with peace and the Siberian situation that it is unable to impose restraint on this looting.

**MITCHELL OPPOSES HOME**

Leader Says Aged Miners Would Prefer a Pension

Seranton, Pa., March 14.—John Mitchell, former president of the Interna-

**ALL CHILE STEADFAST FOR WAR NEUTRALITY**

American Impression That Elections Show Pro-Ally Leaning

Santiago, Chile, March 14.—The ultra-neutral and pro-German elements of the press are suffering from brainstorms today as the result of editorials published in the United States interpreting the Chilean election as favorable to the Allies. They declare that the intimation that Chile is susceptible to foreign influences is insulting.

This attitude is taken, notwithstanding the activities of the German South American Institute, which is the most persistent force in furthering German propaganda since the activities of Bernstorff in the United States.

The cold fact is that the elections here afford only the most infinitesimal encouragement for the Allies. Naturally the pro-Allies and those democratically inclined belong to the victorious parties and the pro-Germans are envious and not to be construed as pro-Germanism. But neither the victor nor the vanquished was committed on issues of the war in the platforms.

The results of the election actually were determined by domestic issues and not by international issues. The utmost satisfaction that can be derived by the Allies is from the fact that the vote is not biased in favor of Germany.

It is an indisputable fact that Chile now presents the really rarest of international phenomena—a genuine neutral.

Entirely different from American neutrality, which after Belgium was official only Chilean neutrality is national, which is the opinion of a limited number of individuals who are partitioned, according to their environment and interests. Otherwise the disinterest is absolute.

The disinterest, however, positively is not to be construed as pro-Germanism. Far removed from the conflict, not affected by submarines and profiting immensely from the nitrate industry, Chile is welcoming all and playing no favorites.

Meanwhile the moral issues being injected into the international situation and emphasized by President Wilson have not created a ripple here. They are not given a thought except among the pro-Allies and the intellectuals. Despite the belief in the United States to the contrary, however, Americans here are unanimous in the opinion that the coldness of Chile extends to all the belligerents in the war and should not be construed as unfriendly to the United States.

**BAGGAGEMAN IS KILLED**

Bradford, Pa., March 14.—Harry E. Fitzgerald, twenty-seven years old, employed as a Pennsylvania baggageman, was fatally injured last night when a freight train collided head-on with his train at Hurdle Junction.

Mr. Fitzgerald was looking out of the door of the baggage car when the crash forced him to the ground, fracturing his skull. He died while being brought to this city. Fitzgerald was married.

**Brown's Store at Fourth and Pine**

Norristown, Pa., March 14.—Lewis Brown, a Philadelphia cigar dealer, who was convicted here of larceny and receiving stolen goods, is the proprietor of a store near Fourth and Pine streets, as first reported.

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**74-Year-Old Man Held on Burglary Charge**

An alleged burglar, seventy-four years old, was captured early today at the door of 5036 North Fifth street, where a purse containing \$4.65 had been taken from under the pillow of Mrs. William Werner.

The prisoner, who said he was Peter Dugan, was arrested by Detective Hopkins, of the Branch-town station, after Mrs. Werner had heard noises and called the police. A rear window was found open and the man who took the money is believed to have entered and left through it. Dugan said he was drunk and knew nothing about the robbery. He was held in \$1000 bail by Magistrate Pennock for court. The police think he had an accomplice.

**HARD TO FIRE PENROSE MAN AT LONG DISTANCE**

Flaherty Refuses to Quit Job Until Ordered to Do So by His Boss, Who Is in Florida

It's no easy job to fire a Penrose adherent at long distance.

The proof of this is seen in the refusal of Martin Flaherty, a Penrose division worker in the Fortieth Ward and a brother of John P. Flaherty, Penrose leader of the Thirtieth Ward, to get out of his \$1200 clerkship in the delinquent tax office.

Flaherty was asked for his resignation by Chief Clerk Harry W. Keeley, of the delinquent office. Flaherty consulted his brother and then refused to get out because W. Freehand Kendrick, the Receiver of Taxes, whom he considers his boss, is in Florida and has not been near his office since the beginning of the year.

Flaherty says he will get out when Kendrick comes to his office and notifies him, or otherwise personally notifies him to get out. He was asked to resign a year ago, but later was reinstated.

**Kayoula Catholic Club in Farce**

The Kayoula Catholic Club's dramatic company will present a three-act farce comedy entitled "Two of a Kind" tonight at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Thirty-eighth and Market streets. The proceeds will be donated to the K. of C. war fund.

**Turkish Forces Capture Erzerum**

Constantinople, March 14.—Erzerum was captured Sunday by Turkish forces after Armenian resistance before the city was overwhelmed, the Turkish War office announced today.

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**SUFFRAGE ON EVE OF SENATE VICTORY**

Leaders Believe Vote Can Be Reached Within Next Few Weeks

Washington, March 14.—Nation-wide women's suffrage was close to victory in the Senate today. Indications, based upon statement of leaders on both sides, were that the resolution to submit the question to the States would be forced to a vote within the next few weeks.

Still lacking two votes, according to their polls, suffragists launched another drive for converts. Republican Senators made known their intention of opening a campaign of daily speechmaking to bring action. Senator Smoot, of Utah, declared that fully three-fourths of the Republican Senators were ready to adopt the resolution, and that if the suffragists could win slightly more than half the Democrats the measure would be passed.

Reports were in circulation today that the two votes lacking would be supplied by administration pressure upon the Senators of one of the southern States. If this is confirmed, virtually nothing will stand in the way of a rollcall. Democratic Senators favoring suffrage warned their colleagues today that the Democrats could not afford to take the responsibility for the defeat of the resolution or even for blocking a vote at the present session.

The legislative right of way is in such shape just now as to permit prompt consideration of the resolution. The measures passed by the House and its adoption by the Senate would send it at once to the President, who has already given it his indorsement.

**STATE AVIATORS CALLED**

Two Special Trains Will Take Men From Philadelphia District

Harrisburg, March 14.—Local draft boards in the State have been ordered by State headquarters to forward statements regarding the condition of the occupational cards for the information of the Provost Marshal General.

A number of boards are behind in gathering this information and it is proposed to issue a bulletin in the manner in which they have complied with the orders.

Draft headquarters has received schedules for the movements of the men to the aviation field at San Antonio. There will be 466 started from Pennsylvania on Friday and 224 the following day. Two special trains will start from Philadelphia.

The quotas for each board for the latest call are being worked out.

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